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	Examiner Carmelo Oliva	Art Unit 2831

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-8 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) 6 is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-3,5,7 and 8 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) 4 is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 08 September 2003 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____. | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

1. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

2. Claims 2 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 2 recites the limitation "the pen slot" in line 2. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim 8 recites the limitation "at least one arm" in lines 1 and 2. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim. Claim 1 recites "at least two arms" in line 3.

Claim 8 recites the limitation "said pivot pin" in line 2. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

The claims have been examined as best understood.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the

applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

4. Claims 1-3,5,7 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Schneider (US 6,626598).

Regarding claim 1, Schneider discloses a stylus in Fig. 1 comprising:

a tip 10; and

two or more arms 19,20 on said body.

Regarding claim 2, the arms can assume an open position when removed from a pen slot (Fig. 3).

Regarding claim 3, a shaft 12 connecting the arms 19,20 to the tip 10.

Regarding claim 5, the tip 10 is pliable.

Regarding claim 7, Schneider discloses a stylus in Fig. 1 comprising:

a tip 10;

a shaft 12; and

a gripping area 19,20 which is made of pliant material which can contact and expand (Fig. 3) when placed in and removed from a pen slot.

Regarding claim 8, the arm 19,20 is attached to a pivot pin (Fig. 3).

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claim 4 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

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6. Claim 6 is allowed.

7. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

Claims 4 and 6 would be allowable because the prior art alone or in combination does not teach or fairly suggest a stylus wherein the arms are stored within a hollow/recess of the shaft when the stylus is placed in a pen slot of a pen-based computer, taken in combination with the other claimed features.

Conclusion

8. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. US 6,637,962; US 6,225,988; US 5,885,018; US 4,127,338; and US 336,540. All are styluses with two arms protruding from the tip.

9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Carmelo Oliva whose telephone number is (703)305-0835. The examiner can normally be reached flexible hours on Monday through Friday with every other Wednesday off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dean Reichard, can be reached on (703)308-3682. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703)308-0956.

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